

Howland Wood - Curatorial

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[El Paso, Tx]

1927-1937

L. W. HOFFECKER
LOANS AND MORTGAGES
1514 MONTANA STREET
EL PASO, TEXAS

Apr 8/27

Mr Howland Wood

Dear Sir,

I would like to
get 2 copies of your book
on Mexican Revolutionary
Coins. Can you supply
them and at what price
As soon as I hear from
you if you can let me have
them I will remit the amt

Yours Truly
L. W. Hoffecker

April 13, 1927

Mr. L. W. Hoffeecker,
1514 Montana Street,
El Paso, Texas

Dear Sir:

The monographs on the "Mexican Revolutionary Coinage" are \$2.00 each. If you wish one or more copies, I will be glad to send them to you against your order.

I have been meaning to write you for some time as I understand you are much interested in this series of coins. I am preparing a supplement to my first account which came out six years ago and I have considerable new material naturally since then. I have just sent my notes and photographs on to Mr. E. Z. Little, whom I think you know and if you think you have any new material would appreciate receiving this. I

I beg to remain

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:MB





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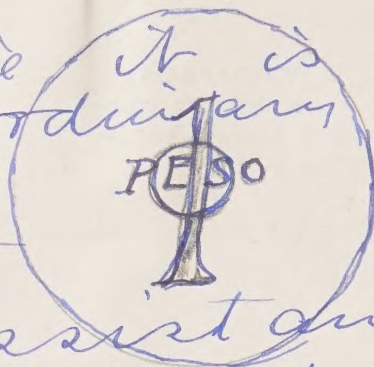
Mr Howland Wood

Dear Sir

Your letter rec'd
and am enclosing my
Draft for 2⁰⁰ in payment for
a copy of your book on Mex
Revolutionary Coins

In reference
to any new coins of this series
I am afraid that I do not
have any in my collection
I sent you a year ago a 1¢
Aluminum and a 5¢ Bronze
and am enclosing a rubbing
of a Miera Huerta with 6 stars
which is quite rare and I do
not remember if you have it
in your catalogue I also
have a Parrot Dollar with

a ball like the cut below
otherwise it is the orange
as the ordinary Parrot Peso
Am always
ready to give you
any assistance possible
but am afraid I will not
be of much help to you.
However write me if
you think I can assist you
in any way I am leaving
for a trip around the world
in June, stopping at Japan
China, Manila, Singapore,
Burma, Ceylon, India, Java,
Borneo, Sumatra, The Holy
Land, Egypt, Turkey, Greece,
The Balkan States, and
home by the way of Antwerp.
Yours Resp
L. W. Hooper



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Since writing I happened
to this about a couple more
coins. One Mura Huerta with
a broken Die a couple
of coins from Guerrero I do
not know if you have them
The one on the yellow paper
I think you have but the
other is about the same
except on the obverse under
Libertad Justicia is the word

TAXCO

★ G

I am also enclosing
a rubbing of a 2 Peso R
in case you do not have
it. If you need any of
these coins I mig. let loan
them to you possibly with

the exception of the Mura
Harta with the 6 stars
That is not wholly mine it
was given to me by a friend
with the proviso that he might
call for it and again might
not. I might get his
permission to let you have
that in case it is necessary

Yours Truly

P.S. I am not very good at
taking a rubbing and some
of the coins are not well
struck

L. W. HOFFECKER
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1514 MONTANA STREET
EL PASO, TEXAS

May 3/28

Mr Howard Ford

Dear Sir

I am mailing you
under separate cover 3
coins and would like to
have you tell me what they
are. I am enclosing
postage for their return.

I have you ever
heard from Don Arguelles
of Mexico City. I wrote him
as soon as I returned home.
If you have not heard let
me know, his cousin will

be up here in a couple of
weeks and I will ask him
to see him on his return.
When you complete your book
I want a copy - you may
send it C. O. D. Thanking
you I am

Yours truly
L. M. Hofferster

Copies returned enclosed

6/8/28 Rush

7th June, 1928

Mr. L. W. Hoffeecker,
1514 Montana Street,
El Paso, Texas

Dear Mr. Hoffeecker:

Your letter and package came to hand. The three coins you sent are Hamegins issued in Japan about the first half of the last century. They were issued in conjunction with a large, oblong Chogin; a bagfull of certain weights was given to favored people by the Court on New Year's Day, smaller pieces being used to make up the exact weight. They are not especially rare, and they turn up in sales every now and then.

I have not heard from Dr. Arguelles, and as I am finishing up my catalogue I think you had better not bother him again. Though I would like the information, it is not of the greatest importance. I want to thank you for the trouble you have taken in trying to stir him up. When the book is out, you will get a copy, and it will not be C.G.D. but with my compliments.

Very sincerely yours,

Curator

L. W. HOFFECKER
LOANS AND MORTGAGES
1514 MONTANA STREET
EL. PASO, TEXAS

June 10/28
Mr Howard Wood
Dear Sir -

Your favor of 7th inst to hand and wish to thank you for your information on the Japanese coins. In reference to the book - I don't want you to send it with your compliments - am more than willing to pay you for it.

With best regards
I am
Yours truly
L. W. Hoffecker

L. W. HOFFECKER
LOANS AND MORTGAGES
1514 MONTANA STREET
EL PASO, TEXAS

Jan 29/29
Mr Howland Wood
Dear Mr Wood

The Copy of your
book on Mexican Revolutionary
Comis arrived yesterday
And I am very much
pleased with it. But do
not feel that I am entitled
to a copy gratis. If I can at
any time do anything for
you down in this neck of the
woods, don't fail to call on
me. I am only a coarser
and have plenty of spare
time. Thanking you &
am
Yours Resp
L. W. Hoffecker

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LOANS AND MORTGAGES
1514 MONTANA STREET
EL PASO, TEXAS

March 5, 1929.

Mr. Howland Wood,
American Numismatist Society,
Broadway between 155 & 156th sts.,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

It seems I cannot get along without bothering you ever so often.

The El Paso Chamber of Commerce are putting on an exposition this coming summer commemorating the confirmation of the Gadsden Purchase, which took place about 35 miles above El Paso, and I suggested to them that we make application to Congress to get out a commemorative half dollar to help defray the expenses of this exposition.

We have extended invitations to Pres. Hoover to meet Pres. Gill from Mexico here during that time and Pres. Gill has signified his willingness to come providing Pres. Hoover comes.

The Chamber of Commerce has appointed me to get what information I can about the procedure necessary to get out these coins, and I know of no one who would know more about it than you. We are getting a drawing made now with a portrait of James Gadsden on one side mentioning the Gadsden Purchase and giving the two dates; on the other side across the center of the coin

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Mr. Wood #2 3/5/29

is a narrow map showing the southern part of Arizona and New Mexico which was purchased at this time. However, this is just a preliminary design and may be changed later, it just being my idea to get something for the rest to criticize and offer suggestions on.

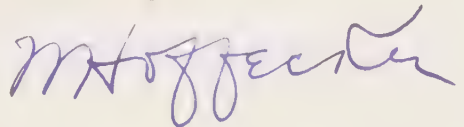
What I would like to know is, is it necessary for us to employ a sculptor and have a plaster design made, and if so, who would you recommend, and are these designs made the exact size of the coin or larger? I have been in mints where they used a plaster of Paris design electroplated and they had a machine on the order of the Pantograph that would engrave the design the size of the coin from this larger design.

We are figuring on getting out only about 10,000 of the coins, which I do not think we should have much trouble in disposing of.

Any suggestions you might offer along these lines will be appreciated by myself and the Chamber of Commerce of El Paso, and I will see that you are given due credit for same.

Thanking you, I am

Yours very truly,



LH/H

March 19, 1929

Mr. L. W. Hoffeecker
1514 Montana Street
El Paso, Texas

Dear Mr. Hoffeecker:

I really do not know just how you would go about having a souvenir half-dollar made. It would have to be an act of Congress, therefore I think the procedure would be to enlist the aid of your various Congressmen.

I do know this - that with this souvenir coin the Government does not furnish the design. This would have to be done by the Committee, and they are generally made very large, and submitted to the Mint, who submit them to the Fine Art Commission for their approval. I think the Government would then make the dies and charge the Committee for the work.

The first thing to do is to enlist the aid and sympathy of your Congressmen.

Very truly yours,

IHW:ENH

Curator

June 10, 1935.

Mr. L. W. Hoffeecker
1514 Montana Street
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Whenever the old Spanish trail half
dollars are ready we would be glad to have you
notify us as we would like to get six of these
and will send you a check for them on notice.

Very truly yours,

HM:JG

Curator

EL PASO INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM
EL PASO, TEXAS

June 12, 1935.

Mr. J. P. ...
123 Street ...
New York City

Dear Sir:

I take pleasure in informing you that the President has signed our bill for the coining of 10,000 Old Spanish Trail fifty-cent pieces. Our bill H.R.6372 provides that the Mint coin not more than 10,000 coins.

I have been selected by our Museum to handle the distribution of the coins; to have a free hand and not be dictated to by anyone.

I promised to take all our coins from one mint and all of one date. I spent considerable time in Washington and met with much opposition on account of the "racket" some of the committees are making of these Commemoratives, and I made the above guarantees voluntarily and am prepared to live up to my promises.

We are hoping to get our coins in sixty days or sooner if possible. The Committee of Fine Arts is selecting the sculptor and passing on the design.

We are asking \$2.00 each, plus postage, for the coins and will ship as 4th class matter insured to save the collectors on the postage. On one or two coins the insurance and postage will be 10 cents; three or four coins, 15 cents, etc. Please send money order or draft with order to me.

Yours very truly,

L. H. Hoffecker

A.N.A.No.2610
Chairman El Paso Museum Coin Committee,
1514 Montana Street, El Paso, Texas.

References:

Mr. Farran Zerbe, New York City
Mr. Howland Wood " " "
Mr. W. A. Philpot, Jr., Dallas, Texas.

Please Bring this information to the attention of your

EL PASO INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM
EL PASO, TEXAS

June 15, 1935


Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155th & 156 sts.
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Your letter asking for 6 of the Old
Spanish Trail coins received. We do not expect to
receive the coins under 60 days but I have booked your
order and will make prompt shipment when they arrive.
and you may remit when you receive them.

Thanking you for this order and wish
kind regards, I am

Yours very truly,



Chairman Coin Committee
1514 Montana street

June 25, 1935.

Mr. L. W. Hoffeecker
1514 Montana Street
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge with thanks the two specimens of the Mexican 50 centavo pieces minted in 1935. Naturally we have not received these pieces previously and consequently are very glad to get them. Again thanking you in behalf of the Society, I remain

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

EL PASO INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM
EL PASO, TEXAS

July 8, 1935

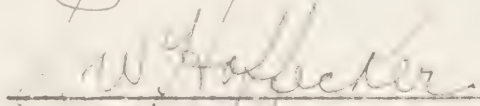
Mr. Howland Wood,
A.N.A. Broadway, 155 & 156 sts.
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I am laying by quite a number of silver coins, holding them for speculation and wonder what you can tell me about keeping them from changing color or tarnishing. Are there any paper envelopes that you could recommend for me to keep them in.

Thanking you for the trouble I am putting you to, I am

Yours very truly,


1514 Montana street

LWH/h

July 11, 1938.

Mr. L. W. Hoffecker
1514 Montana Street
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of July 8th just at hand.
We ourselves do not keep any coins in envelopes;
consequently we have made no tests as to what
kind of envelopes tarnish or do not tarnish coins.
T. James Clarke, 38 Charles, St., Jamestown, N. Y.
~~He~~ manufactures coin envelopes and paper boxes
for collectors and advertises his envelopes as
non-tarnishing coins. I am enclosing two samples
of his envelopes which he sells at \$1.50 for 1000.
You might write to him and ask him just how reliable
his statements are.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

September 27, 1935.

Mr. L. M. Hoffeecker
1514 Montana Street
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Mr. Hoffeecker:

I do not know whether or not the Old Spanish Trail coins have been shipped out. Dealers are certainly anticipating these by their advertisements, and I understand the issue has been oversubscribed. Do not forget that you have booked six of these for us as per your letter of June 15th.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

EL PASO INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM

EL PASO, TEXAS

October 1, 1935.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155th & 156th sts.,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

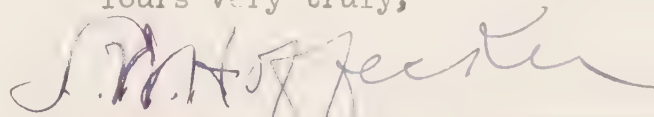
Your letter of the 27th received today and your order will be taken care of this week as the coins were shipped from the Philadelphia mint yesterday. They first promised them on the 17th, and later on the 25th but for some reason or other they were held up.

I have received orders for a thousand coins more than I will have and have been compelled to return the money. I do not feel though that these people who were late ordering have any just complaint as some of them inquired about the coins as long ago as in June and then neglected to send their money. We sent them all follow-up cards reminding them we had not received their remittances but not many paid any attention to us at that time.

I have done my best to give the collectors a square deal and very few of the dealers got any number of coins. Our Friend Roessler of East Orange sent in an order for five coins after he had been notified they were all sold out and said some of the dealers in New York were thinking of reporting me to the Mint. But I think this was all in his mind as the mint would be more liable to give me a medal for holding the dealers down than for letting them have a large number of coins. I wrote Mr. Roessler that the object of our issue was to take care of the collectors and not the dealers. That is the only kick I have had and on the other hand have received many complimentary letters on the way I have handled the sale and our Committee is very well satisfied with the results as I kept the expenses down to a minimum.

With kind regards, I am

Yours very truly,



Chairman El Paso Museum Com.
1514 Montana street

LWH/h

L. W. HOFFECKER
DISTRIBUTOR
ELGIN CENTENNIAL COIN
P. O. BOX 75-EL PASO, TEXAS

August 10, 1937

Mr. Howland Wood,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I am taking the liberty of sending you three Grant Memorial half dollars with the star. The one wrapped in tissue paper in the end of the card belongs to a friend of mine so please keep this separate in sending them back, and the other two have been offered me on a trade but I am in doubt about them and would like to have your opinion on them.

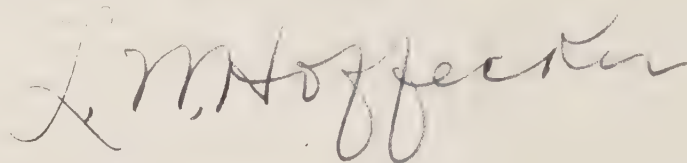
Whatever your charge is, I will be glad to pay.

I am leaving Saturday night for the convention and would like very much to get these back before I go if possible as if they are not genuine I want to return them to the owner.

I am enclosing postage for airmail and insurance and you can send your bill and I will have my office mail you a check at once.

Thanking you, I am

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "L. W. Hoffecker". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

L. W. Hoffecker

LWH/h

Form 3806 (Rev. Jan. 21, 1935)

(POSTMARK OF)

Receipt for Registered Article No. 41734

Registered at the Post Office indicated in the Postmark

Fee paid 10 cents Class postage 1

Declared value _____ Surcharge paid, \$ _____

Return Receipt fee _____ Spl. Del'y fee _____

Delivery restricted to addressee:

in person _____, or order _____ Fee paid _____

Accepting employee will place his *initials* in space indicating restricted delivery.

POSTMASTER, per _____

(MAILING OFFICE)

The sender should write the name of the addressee on back hereof as an identification. Preserve and submit this receipt in case of inquiry or application for indemnity.

Registry Fees and Indemnity.—Domestic registry fees range from 15 cents for indemnity not exceeding \$5 up to \$1 for indemnity not exceeding \$1,000. The fee on domestic registered matter without intrinsic value and for which indemnity is not paid is 15 cents. Consult postmaster as to the specific domestic registry fees and surcharges and as to the registry fees chargeable on registered parcel-post packages for foreign countries. Fees on domestic registered C. O. D. mail range from 25 cents to \$1.20. Indemnity claims must be filed within one year (C. O. D. six months) from date of mailing.

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August 12, 1937

Mr. L. W. Hoffeecker,
P.O. Box 75,
El Paso, Texas

Dear Mr. Hoffeecker:

Your aipost letter came yesterday but too late to return the same day. I am herewith sending it back by registered mail, aipost, and trust you will get it before you leave.

Since I wrote this GrantStar up I have received one specimen like your two. This disturbed me very much but having your two to make further comparisons, I have come to this conclusion. Two dies were used in striking both the star pieces and those without. One die shows all of the defects that I mention on the star piece. The other die does not show these defects. The stars are identical. The way I discovered that there were two dies used is as follows:

The die like yours with star and no defects has a faint outline around the G of Grant which is not on the die that shows the defects. Both of these dies were used without the star. Your pieces are consequently perfectly genuine and after I have looked over some more specimens and have digested the matter, I will publish my findings in the Journal.

The piece belonging to a friend of yours, wrapped in tissue paper, is a fake. If you notice carefully, the star is different and shows it was punched in and not a part of the die.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks
encl.
registered mail

L. W. HOFFECKER
DISTRIBUTOR
ELGIN CENTENNIAL COIN
P. O. BOX 75-EL PASO, TEXAS

August 15, 1937

Mr. Howland Wood,
New York City.

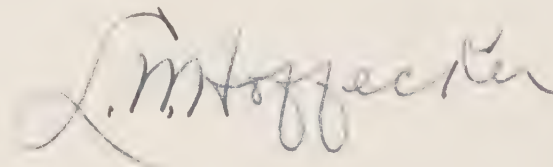
Dear Mr. Wood:

Received the Grant coins in this morning's mail and wish to thank you for the prompt service and am awfully glad to know that my coins were genuine. I called my friend's attention to the way the star was punched in his coin, showing the edges forced up a little on the silver and we were both very skeptical about it. I was quite sure that mine were genuine but as they did not have all the points marked in your former article I wanted your opinion on them.

Any time I can do anything for you, do not hesitate to ask me.

Again thanking you for your courtesy and with kind regards, I
am

Yours very truly,



L.W.Hoffecker

LWH/h

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September 27, 1937

Mr. Howland Wood

New York City

Dear Mr. Wood:

I am sending you under separate cover 11 Gold Coins which I have accumulated from time to time but have been unable to determine just what they are. I wish you would go over these and send me a description of each one and also must insist that you send me a bill for this work as I do not like to keep imposing on you. Another thing that I have been thinking about I have never been approached about joining the Society and would like to know what the requirements are and also the fee. Sorry I did not see you at the Convention but was told that you probably were too busy to spare the time to come down. We had a very nice time and as you probably already know we expect to meet next year in Columbus. With kind personal regards.

Yours truly,

L. W. Hoffecker
L. W. Hoffecker

Oct. 7, 1937

Mr. L. W. Hoffecker,
1514 Montana St.,
El Paso, Tex.

Dear Mr. Hoffecker:

Your letter came the other day and the coins came yesterday, but as yet have had no chance to go over them so this is simply an acknowledgement of the receipt of the package.

I find that all of us here are remiss in asking people to join the Society. We either think they already belong or else we forget about it entirely. I would be very glad to have you join and the requirements are very simple. Just be a person of good standing in your community and have either \$15 or \$5 to pay the dues.

We have two classes of membership, fellows at \$15.00 a year who have the privilege of voting and are in a legal sense the owners of the Society, and associate members a \$5.00 a year who have about the same privileges but no vote. Our Numismatic Notes and Monographs go to all members gratis. Occasionally publications are sold to members at a substantial discount.

I am enclosing an application card which I would be very glad to have you sign and if you do, signify whether you want to be a fellow or an associate. There are no initiation fees. Also, state whether you wish to be a member for this year or next year.

I ~~was~~ hoping to get to the Convention but something came up that prevented me being there.

Very truly yours,

HW ks
encl.

Curator

Nov. 12, 1937

Mr. L. W. Hoffeecker,
1524 Montana Street,
El Paso, Texas

Dear Mr. Hoffeecker:

Please pardon the delay in attributing the coins you sent on over a month ago, but I was only able to do this the other day as we had this big collection of Italian coins of which we had to attribute and put in boxes a selection to exhibit at our meeting to be held this Saturday.

I am sending the coins back to you by parcel post insured.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks

L. W. HOFFECKER
LOANS AND MORTGAGES
1514 MONTANA STREET
EL PASO, TEXAS

Nov. 20, 1937

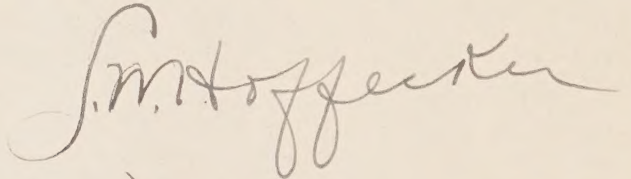
Mr. Howland Wood,
Broadway Between
155th & 156th sts.,
New York City

Dear Mr. Wood:

I received my gold coins yesterday
but, as usual, you did not send me any bill. Please
let me know what I am indebted to you that I may
remit.

Thanking you for this service, I
am

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "L.W. Hoffecker". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

L.W. Hoffecker

LWH/h

Nov. 23, 1937

Mr. L. W. Hoffeecker,
1514 Montana Street,
El Paso, Texas

Dear Mr. Hoffeecker:

Your letter just at hand. I was not making any charge for attributing these coins. Some time you can send us something in return. However, you have done enough for numismatics to warrant a little of something now and then.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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L. W. HOFFECKER
LOANS AND MORTGAGES
1514 MONTANA STREET
EL PASO, TEXAS

December 2, 1937

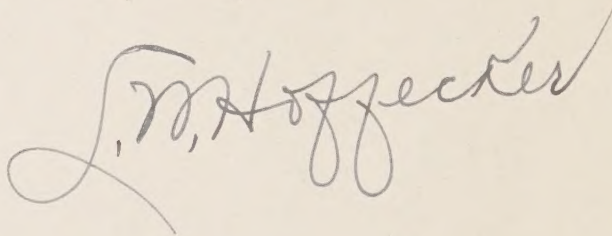
Mr. Howland Wood,
New York City

Dear Mr. Wood:

Wish to thank you for your courtesy
in attributing the Indians coins for me and your
nice remarks. Any time I can be of assistance to
you do not hesitate to call on me.

With kind personal regards, I am

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "L. W. Hoffecker". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

LWH/h

L. W. Hoffecker